

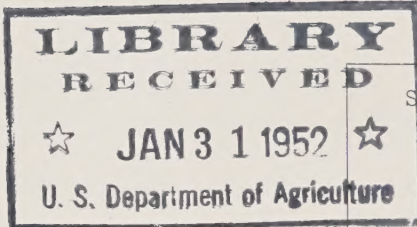
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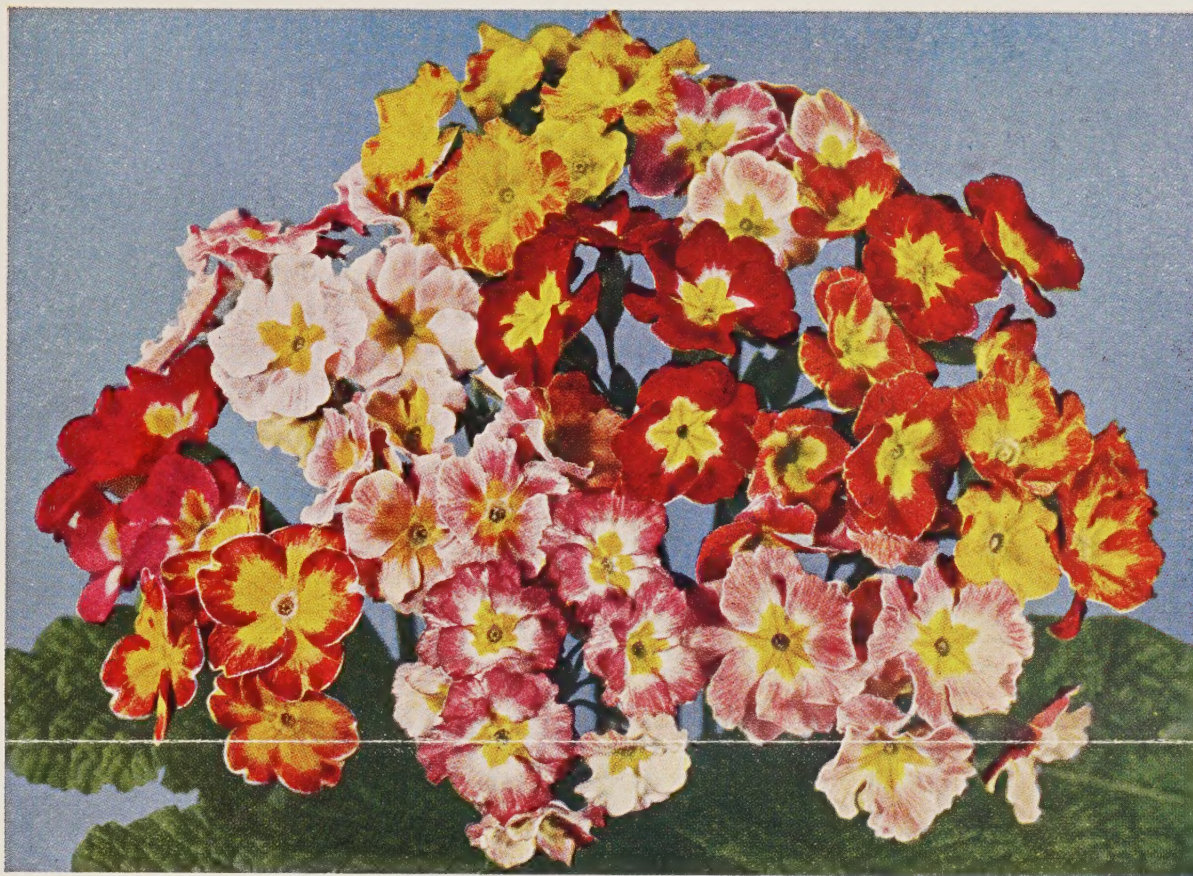
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PANSIES and PRIMULAS

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Clarke's Polyanthus Colossal Mixed

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ANNOUNCING THE NEW TWINS

For the convenience of our friends, we have divided our catalog into two sections. This first one is devoted to primulas. The other one gets a delayed delivery in May, since it is devoted to pansies. In this way we can give you our offerings of primulas and pansies at the time when most folks are ready to order seed for each of these species. But we haven't divided the catalog so completely that you can't order whenever you want to. In this issue we have a list of all of our pansies, and in the pansy section, you'll get an offering of all the primulas, too.

Hardy primulas comprise one of the most colorful and downright beautiful perennial flower families you can grow. Their adaptability to many locations and purposes—under trees, in the perennial border, naturalized in woodland, or in the rock garden—their long succession of blooms, from one strain to another through the season, and their masses of blooms in a whole kaleidoscope of colors make them beloved by everyone who grows them.

In moderate climates you can have bloom the year around; in severe climates the hardy Siberian and Alpine strains are well-nigh indestructible. Grow both the European and the Asiatic species. Don't be content with the familiar Polyanthus alone!

POLYANTHUS PRIMULAS

POLYANTHUS COLOSSAL MIXED

Our strain of this famous primrose is designed for American preference, and unlike imported strains, it places heavy emphasis on earliness, diversity of colors, and impressive size of flowers. The years we have invested in this labor of love are clearly visible when you compare these beauties with any primroses you have ever seen.

The massive flower umbels are carried on 10 to 12 inch stems, well above the lush green foliage. Individual florets measure from 1½ to 2 inches across. The color sequence is wide and varied, with many unusual shades. These include white, yellow, red, pink, lavender, peach, salmon, rose, blue, gold, henna, tile shades, burgundy, fuchsia, and violet. Can you imagine a more completely satisfactory array of color?

Now these are hardy, outdoor primulas, but they make superb potted plants, too. Use them in window boxes or in your lath house. The clusters of flowers make wonderful corsages, and delightful small bouquets or nosegays. Separate shades are offered on the next page.

Pkt. (200 seeds) \$1.00





Auricula

PRETTY POLYANTHUS PLAN

We're fond of yellow planted in front of white in solid banks, with occasional accents of brighter colors.

Polyanthus Yellow • White • Colossal Mixed
3 Pkts.—One of each kind, value \$4.00, for **\$3.25**

AURICULA PRIMULA

An exceedingly hardy primula, second only to the Polyanthus in popularity. Choose a location where the plants will receive some shade, provide good drainage, and if your soil is on the acid side, add lime. Auricula is at home in your rock garden, or on a north slope, for it comes from the mountain heights where rock and snow are its chosen habitat.

The plants bloom from April until June, and again in the fall. The thick, fleshy stems and large clusters of flowers spring from neat rosettes of thick gray-green leaves.

AURICULA LARGE FLOWERED MIXED

Colors in this mixture include yellow, light brown, blue, henna, plum, purple, rose, pastel tones, and some brassy-green shades. Very long-lasting either in the garden or as cut flowers. Pkt. (300 seeds) \$1.00.

ACAULIS PRIMULA

ACAULIS GIANT FLOWERED MIXED

When in full bloom, these luxuriant plants are a veritable mass of brilliance. Through rigid selection we have attained gratifying improvements over the older strains both in the size of the flower and in shades of color. Each tight rose-like bud is on its own separate stem. Blue, white, cream, yellow, pink, rose, lavender, purple and red colors appear in this fine mixture. These bright little flowers bound tightly together make one of the most attractive nosegays you can have from your garden. Mixed colors. Pkt. (200 seeds) \$1.00.

ACAULIS BLUE

Because of its immense popularity, we have made a special selection of this vivid shade from the Acaulis species. It is a very bright medium blue, with particularly fine form and texture. As shown in the illustration, the low growing plants are exceedingly prolific. Pkt. (200 seeds) \$2.50.

Complete planting and cultural instructions accompany each shipment.

European PRIMULAS

POLYANTHUS COLOSSAL MIXED

Described in detail on the preceding page.

POLYANTHUS PASTEL SELECTIONS

By selections we mean field selections of superbly beautiful pastel colors from the Colossal strain, the harvesting of seed from these choice plants, and the painstaking hand pollination of thousands of blooms of this gentle-colored group to add a host of shades to the mixture. Here you will find pink, lavender, peach, apricot, salmon, rose, lilac, and many soft two-tone flowers of infinite variations. Definitely blue-ribbon quality. Pkt. (200 seeds) \$2.00.

POLYANTHUS BLUE SHADES

Rigorous selection has practically freed this strain from magenta, leaving a lovely range from forget-me-not through medium and sapphire to darkest blue. To obtain richest blue colors, grow these plants in acid soil, or use an acid fertilizer. Provide partial shade. Seed is very short this year. Please indicate a second choice. Pkt. (200 seeds) \$2.50.

POLYANTHUS WHITE

Carefully selected pure white from the Colossal polyanthus strain. Combine this white primula with the blue Ullswater or pink Blumliscap pansies for striking and effective contrast. Pkt. (200 seeds) \$1.50.

POLYANTHUS RED SHADES

Perfect, big clusters of flame red to darkest, velvety red florets. Individual florets sometimes exceed 2 inches in diameter; their size and brilliance draw quick and heartfelt admiration. Pkt. (200 seeds) \$1.50.

POLYANTHUS YELLOW GOLD

A sunny collection of the largest, choicest yellows, and the deepest golds. This series produces flowers and plants of the same high standards of texture and quality as the Colossal Mixed. Pkt. (200 seeds) \$1.50.

POLYANTHUS YELLOW, COPPER, RUST SHADES

A fine sequence of brilliant tones that belong together. These colors withstand heat and strong sunlight easily, and are therefore ideal for hot, sunny regions. Pkt. (200 seeds) \$1.50.



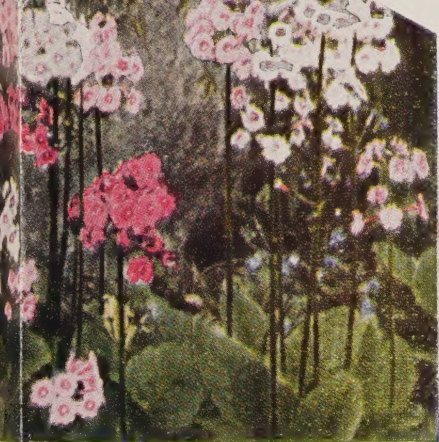
Japanese Primula



Acaulis Blue

Polyanthus





Japonica



Sieboldi

Asiatic PRIMULAS

From the many Asiatics we have tested in our own trials, we have chosen only those which fulfilled two conditions: They had to be surpassingly beautiful, and they had to be easy to grow.

CANDELABRA PRIMULAS

This group is characterized by the successive whorls of flowers appearing on tall stems. Their general appearance is shown by the illustration of Bulleyana Hybrids.

BULLEYANA HYBRIDS

Tight clusters of terra cotta buds are followed by as many as seven successive whorls of yellow, buff, apricot, or burnt orange flowers, with continuing bloom as the flower stalk lengthens. Pkt. \$1.00.

ASTHORE HYBRIDS

Similar to Bulleyana Hybrids, but with taller stems, and a series of shades of pink, rose, lilac, buff and apricot. Pkt. \$1.00.

HELODOXA

A very fine, bright yellow candelabra. Flower stems grow about 2 feet tall, and the beautiful foliage is evergreen. Pkt. \$1.00.

JAPONICA

Especially useful where a sequence of shades is desired. Color ranges from white through pale pink, pink, and rose-pink to cerise. See illustration. Pkt. 50c.

MILLAR'S CRIMSON

A Japonica selection of rare beauty, with deep coppery rose tones in the petals and a rich, velvety maroon eye. Pkt. \$1.00.

PRIMULA SUCCESSION COLLECTION

A succession group including both European and Asiatic primulas, designed to provide steady blooms from early spring until late summer.

- Denticulata
- Japonica
- Florindae
- Auricula
- Polyanthus Mixed
- Pulverulenta, Bartley

6 Pkts.—One of each, value \$5.50..... **\$4.50**



Bulleyana Hybrids

PULVERULENTA, Bartley Strain

Lovely soft pink to watermelon-pink florets, some with rose-red eye, growing on milky-white stems. Attractive foliage. Very popular. Pkt. \$1.00.

MICRODONTA VIOLACEA PRIMULA

Beautiful umbels of soft violet blooms, each with a distinctive white eye. It comes from the wild region of Tibet, but it really belongs right in your own garden! Pkt. \$1.00.

FLORINDAE PRIMULA

A moisture loving giant from Tibet, carrying enormous trusses of fragrant yellow blossoms on 3-foot stalks. Heart-shaped foliage. This is the largest and showiest primula, with gorgeous umbels of 30 to 40 florets. Put this one where you want the mid-summer exclamation point to be. Pkt. \$1.00.

FLORINDAE HYBRID

A cross between Florindae and Waltoni which combines the immense vigor and plant type of Florindae with the lovely rosy pink shades of Waltoni. Pkt. \$1.00.

ROSEA PRIMULA

A low-growing primrose, never exceeding 10 inches in height. Flowers are borne in loose heads, and are of a most intense carmine-red color. Pkt. \$1.00.

SIEBOLDI PRIMULA

The lovely, soft, crumpled foliage, and the fine fringed flowers on 10 to 15 inch stems make beautiful flower arrangements. The plants flourish in cool, rich, light soil—light enough to permit them to spread by their creeping habit of growth. We've spent considerable effort in establishing an ideal combination of white, shell-pink, orchid, deep rose, and bluish lavender shades. Mixed colors only. Pkt. \$1.00.

ASIATIC COLLECTION

Four excellent and varied Asiatics.

- Denticulata • Helodoxa
- Rosea • Asthore Hybrids

4 Pkts.—One each, value \$4.00..... **\$3.25**

Complete planting and cultural instructions accompany each shipment.





Denticulata

Asiatic PRIMULAS

(Continued)

DENTICULATA

An old favorite, originally brought from the high Himalayas of northern India. Beautiful lavender, heliotrope-blue and white florets, close set, on stout stems. The flowers develop ahead of the gray-green, serrated foliage. Available either in mixed colors or white. Pkt. \$1.00.

POPULAR PRIMULA COLLECTION

These three varieties are the most popular among our customers—and popularity is a good guide!

- Auricula Mixed
- Polyanthus Colossal Mixed
- Bulleyana Hybrids Mixed

3 kinds—1 pkt. each,
value \$3.00 **\$2.50**

TERMS OF SALE—All prices shown in this list are net. Please enclose your remittance with your order. No C. O. D. orders accepted. All seed shipped postpaid.

GUARANTY—All seed is guaranteed true to description. However, since we can exert no control over growing conditions, we cannot be responsible for the crop. Liability under this guarantee is limited to the price of the seed purchased.

The Clarkes

Clackamas, Oregon

CLARKE PANSIES

For your convenience, in case you wish to order pansy seed now, we list here all the varieties we grow. A completely illustrated pansy folder will be sent to you in May, but if you would like to have it now, just drop us a card, and we'll be glad to send it along.

VARIETIES IN SEPARATE COLORS

- Blumlisalp**—Shades of pink and rose. Pkt. \$2.00; ½ pkt. \$1.00.
- Coronation Gold**—Pure yellow Swiss. Pkt. \$1.00; ½ pkt. 50c.
- Firebeacon**—Coppery red Swiss. Pkt. \$1.00; ½ pkt. 50c.
- Mont Blanc**—Pure white Swiss. Pkt. \$1.00; ½ pkt. 50c.
- Moon Moth**—Ruffled white hybrid. Pkt. \$2.00; ½ pkt. \$1.00.
- Pay Dirt**—Ruffled hybrid yellow. Pkt. \$2.00; ½ pkt. \$1.00.
- Ullswater**—Brilliant blue Swiss. Pkt. \$1.00; ½ pkt. 50c.

MIXED COLORS AND BLENDS

- Jumbo Mixture**—Extremely large. Pkt. \$2.00; ½ pkt. \$1.00.
- Clarke's Pastel Hybrids**—Delicate. Pkt. \$2.00; ½ pkt. \$1.00.
- Clarke's Hybrid Blend**—Wide color range. Pkt. \$2.00; ½ pkt. \$1.00.
- Clarke's Giant Swiss**—Selected strain. Pkt. \$2.00; ½ pkt. \$1.00.
- Clarke's Everything Blend**—"The works." Pkt. \$2.00; ½ pkt. \$1.00.

HARDY CYCLAMEN

Perfect little cyclamen blooms both spring and fall, growing about 4 inches high. Hardy everywhere in woodsy setting. Mixed colors, including white, pink and rose. Pkt. (100 seeds) \$1.00.

CHRISTMAS ROSE

The greatly admired Christmas Rose (*Helleborus niger*) with its snow white blossoms and beautiful shiny green foliage is extremely hardy, producing flowers in winter and early spring. May be potted in the fall and brought indoors for bloom at Christmas time. Pkt. \$1.00.



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